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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/046,294

Confirmation No. : 2323

Applicant : Brian Graham Taylor

Attorney Docket No. : 32833/US

Filed : 01/16/2002

Customer No. : 27,082

Art Unit : 3679

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Examiner : Bochna, David

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE OF THE ABOVE CAPTION CASE**

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Final Office Action dated June 23, 2003. Filed concurrently herewith is Applicant's Request for Continued Examination. Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a 3 month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003, from September 23, 2003, to December 23, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1425 the amount of \$950 to cover the cost of the extension. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.



**APPLICATION  
FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET  
(FY 2004)**

*RCE 1867*  
Complete if Known

Application No. 10/046,294  
Filing Date January 16, 2002  
First Named Inventor Brian Graham TAYLOR  
Group Art Unit 3679  
Examiner Name David BOCHINA  
Atty. Docket Number 12359 (32833/US)

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)**

1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees

and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account No.: 04-1425

Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

Charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

2. Check Enclosed

**FEE CALCULATION (Continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
130	65	Surcharge - Late non-provisional filing fee or oath	
180	180	Submission of IDS	
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
950	475	Extension for reply within third month	\$950
1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
750	375	Submission After Final 1.129	
330	165	Notice of Appeal	
330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
290	145	Request for oral hearing	
110	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	
130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
50	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1,330	665	Utility/Reissue Issue Fee (including advance copies)	
480	240	Design Issue Fee (inc. advance copies)	
770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$770
300	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	
300	300	Publication fee for re-publication	
110	55	Petition to Revive - unavoidable	
1,330	665	Petition to Revive - unintentional	
OTHER FEE (specify):			
Subtotal (3)			\$1,720
Total Amount of Payment:			\$1,720

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